

## What A Day That Will Be!

Some years ago Paul Harvey reported that a poll indicated just 27.4 percent of the people in this country attend worship services at least once a week. That's slightly more than one-fourth! There are many legitimate things such as illness, health, necessary work, and other things that can prevent us from attending worship. Yet, some seem more concerned with business, entertainment, sports and "what I want to do" than they are in the precious gift of eternal life offered through our Lord and Savior. Jesus gave His life on the cross for us - In His Word He tells us to live for Him. If you ask, most claim to believe in God - but we must not only believe in God, we must believe God! Worship is a time to strengthen our faith, grow in knowledge, and learn more about both His love and His wrath. God wants us to worship Him (John 4:23) and we should be anxious to honor and praise Him as we assemble together each Lord's Day. Then we will someday be able to stand around the throne of God and joyfully sing, "How Beautiful Heaven Really Is"! What a Day That Will Be!! "...seek those things which are above, where Christ is" (Col. 1:1).  John K. Wills

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray For:** Logan's grandpa  
**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, etc.  
**Camp:** Volunteers are needed to get camp ready. Work dates are 6/10, 6/17 and 6/24. More info on the bulletin board.  
**Men's Meeting:** 6/10, items due **today**.  
**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.  
**Vacation Bible School:** Starts tomorrow! VBS will be from June 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes for all ages. Tell your friends!!  
**Today's Scripture:** "Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3 (1901 ASV)  
**Today's Proverb:** "My son, keep my words, And lay up my commandments with thee." 7:1 (1901 ASV) **Attendance Last Sunday: 77**

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear ..... Romans 10:17  
Believe ..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life ..... Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10AM  
AM Worship 11AM  
PM Worship 6PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

### COME JOIN US!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:  
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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## The Promise

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which He said, you have heard from Me. for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1:4-5). Jesus made this promise in the last few moments he spent with some of those who followed Him. The last they saw of this Divine One before He returned to heaven from which He came was at this little gathering. We can only imagine this farewell and the feelings that existed as they saw this Man they had followed and listened to as His ministry, teachings and miracles remained vividly impressed on their minds. The consoling knowledge that He would come again (John 14:3) was enough to sustain them. The events that were to take place now made them wonder what their part would be. “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1: 8). From this time on they lived in a state of wonder and expectation, spending time in prayer and meditation, knowing that they should make ready for that day in which a great change would take place in their lives. The Jewish holiday was approaching. The fiftieth day after the Passover week, caused the day to be the first day of the week. They spent each day in the temple and when the time drew near they were all together, closely seated by one another, filled with expectation, but not knowing what to expect. “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled the whole house where they were sitting. And their appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”(Acts 2: 2-4). The promise that Christ made before His departure was fulfilled when the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit and by this ability each was endowed with the capability of spreading the gospel to a nation that could understand it. They could now go into any part of the world and preach the saving power of the gospel. Those who believed and responded by being baptized could be saved.  *Lee Clapp*

## What Kind Of Works

For centuries James 2:14-26, has been the occasion of much controversy; and, it was this passage which prompted Martin Luther to regard the Epistle of James with considerable contempt and to describe it as "*a right strawy one*." Others, who entertain no doubts regarding the inspiration of the book and passage, have nevertheless engaged in much useless and vain speculation thereon in an effort to harmonize an alleged conflict of teaching between James and Paul. There are those who believe that Paul, in Romans 4:1-6, teaches that justification is by faith without works of any kind; and, inasmuch as James, in this passage (2:14-26), quite obviously affirms that there is no justification apart from works, it poses quite a problem for the advocates of the doctrine of salvation by faith only. Moreover, Paul, in Ephesians 2:8-9, wrote: "*for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory*." Yet, James asserted: Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect (Jam. 2:21-22). It should be apparent to the most casual reader that Paul and James are discussing two different kinds or works in these passages. Paul refers to works, which are excluded [all emph. DM] from God's plan to save; James discusses works which are included in it. Each writer gives the characteristics of the works under consideration. Those excluded, discussed by Paul, are works in which one might glory (exult in, boast of); the works included (mentioned by James) are those which perfect faith. Of the first category, works of which a man might boast and in which he might glory, are human, meritorious works, works of human achievement, works the design of which is to earn salvation. Were it possible for man to devise a plan by which he could save himself, he could dispense with grace, accomplish his own deliverance from sin, and glory in God's presence. Such of course, is utterly impossible. All such works are excluded. The works included, and discussed by James, are the commandments of the Lord, obedience to which is absolutely essential to salvation (1 John 2:4; 2 The. 1:7-9). Humble submission to the will of God as expressed in His commandments, far from involving works of the type excluded, demonstrate complete reliance upon God, and not upon one's self. Only those who seek to exclude all works, even the commandments of the Lord, such as baptism in water for the remission of sins (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38), have any difficulty in harmonizing Paul and James! Paul taught the necessity of obedience to the commands of Christ as plainly, positively, and emphatically as did James (Rom. 6:3-4).

 Guy N. Woods Deceased